

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 28.

By general court martial orders, the finding and sentence of a Federal military commission, convened at Memphis, Tenn., in the case of Second Lieut. Charles Lewis, Second United States cavalry, tried for kidnapping a negro man and negro woman near Memphis, and for the murder, by shooting, of A. J. Woods, prisoner of war, is approved. He is sentenced to be dishonorably dismissed the United States service, and to be hanged by the neck until dead, at such time and place as the President may direct.

Rev. B. H. Nadal, of Washington, having written and published in one of the New York papers, an article in relation to some statements in the National Intelligencer in which he speaks of them as "bosh," "simple nonsense," "utterly childish," &c., that paper simply replies that "by the use of such language the reverend gentleman proves that he is not only a theologian of dignified character, but also a model of affability and good manners!!" This is as good, almost, as the best of Sidney Smith's retorts.

Two surgeons attached to one of the U. S. Hospitals in this place, while out riding a few miles from here, on Tuesday evening, were stopped by a "solitary horseman," who after taking their gold watches and examining the horses they were driving, "and earnestly admonishing them to bring a better quality along with them on their next excursion, dashed down a by-road, leaving the discomfited gentlemen to return to the city in "great haste," and not much "refreshed" by their trip."

A Cairo dispatch states that on the 15th instant, the Confederates, under Shelby, attacked two hundred and fifty men of the 10th Illinois regiment, entrenched near Searcy, Arkansas, and either killed, wounded or captured one hundred and fifty of their number.

The Confederates are again numerous in Kentucky. On Sunday night last a scouting party of "Home Guards" were attacked near Mayfield, and driven to Paducah with the loss of nine men killed and several others wounded.

The Confederate officers "under fire" before Charleston, are placed in houses at Cumming's Point, at the extreme front of Morris Island. They are said to be passing their time "quite pleasantly, with the exception of being disturbed now and then by the balls and shells."

Much dissatisfaction is expressed by the civil authorities in Washington at the enlisting of negroes in Washington, by the agents of Massachusetts, to be placed to the credit of the quota of Massachusetts.

The health of the city is much improved within the last two weeks; but this is no reason why care as to diet, abstinence from crude and unwholesome food, and the removal of everything likely to produce disease, should not be observed.

The rain of Monday last seems to have been general, and is believed to have been of great benefit.

The New York News says: "The colored Freemasons are not recognized as such by the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons in the United States, and no fellowship is held with them. To be 'free born' the ancient Masons held to be a requisite, and as the ritual, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, is unalterable, negroes, whose nominal condition is slavery, are not allowed to penetrate into the Temple. The Masonic Lodges hold these negro lodges to be spurious, no more to be recognized than Morgan Masonry."

The St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald of the 21st says the proprietors of the American Fur Company, and an old Indian trader of forty-five years amongst the Missouri Sioux, states that the Sioux have now in their possession, not as prisoners, but as slaves, some ten white women, and that no price could ransom them, as they are valued far more than riches. The only way they can be released is by the strong arm of the military. The maltreatment to which these unfortunate women are subjected no pen could describe.

The financial state of the U. S. and the high rate of foreign exchange operate very injuriously upon the operations of the foreign missionary societies, and the American Board for Foreign Missions has been obliged to issue a circular calling upon the churches for additional subscriptions to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars. The financial year ends August thirty-one, and the Board and its friends feel great anxiety lest the year should close with a heavy debt upon it.

The horn of a sword fish which had pierced the copper and four and a half inches through the plank of the ship Donald McKay, was taken out of the bottom of that vessel while on the dry dock at London a couple of weeks ago.

The Newport News condemns the "Secesh" sentiment prevailing at that fashionable watering place. On the fashionable drive the Confederate cockade is prominently displayed every day by ladies who are loud in their denunciation of the Northern people and the Federal army.

The square on Duke street, opposite the railroad depot, presents a very different appearance from what it did a month or two ago. Many of the shops and shanties there are now closed.

At a late hour on Monday, G. P. Folsom, an additional paymaster in the United States army, was arrested in Washington. Folsom is said to be a defaulter to the amount of about \$11,000.

The Washington Chronicle now says: "The protraction of the war for three years and more is of itself a proof that victory has not adhered to either standard, but has alternated from side to side; and it may be doubted which has oftenest been winner."

Ex President Buchanan arrived at Bedford Springs on the 20th inst. The venerable gentleman, it is stated, looks well, and appears to enjoy his usual good health.

Hon. D. W. Vorhees, has been re-nominated for a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives from Indiana.

POSTSCRIPT!

FROM THE UPPER POTOMAC.

The Philadelphia Inquirer has obtained from a well informed party from Baltimore information that as soon as the fact of the return of the Sixth Corps toward Washington was announced, the Confederates availed themselves of the advantages presented, and their rear fell upon General Crook's command near Winchester with such numbers as to compel that officer to retreat, losing a considerable number of men in killed, wounded and prisoners, as well as a few guns. The loss in men is estimated at one thousand. Gen. Kelly is at Cumberland, and the report of his death untrue. The force of the Confederates is now now said to be 25,000 or 30,000 of all arms, under the command of Gen. A. P. Hill. There is much excitement throughout the western counties of Maryland, and Frederick city is almost deserted of its inhabitants. The people are sending their valuables to Baltimore, and the farmers are driving their horses to places of safety.

IMPORTANT FROM CITY POINT.

On Tuesday afternoon a movement of the Confederates was discovered, which, although not fully developed, indicated that they were attempting to flank Butler on the right, or were endeavoring to gain Harrison's Landing, for the purpose of getting in his rear.

Artillery firing commenced at Point of Rocks early in the evening of Tuesday, which continued all night.

Fighting was also going on near Bermuda Hundred, and it was reported that the Confederates were posted three miles from that place.

Reports brought to City Point from Richmond by refugees and deserters, are to the effect that all the troops that can be spared from the defence of that city have been sent up the Valley, and it is now believed that the forces operating in that vicinity will number fifty thousand men of all arms.

The library of Rev. Mr. Johnston, of this place, now absent, has been seized by the U. S. authorities as "abandoned property."

DIED.

On Saturday, the 23d of July, after an illness of a week, MARY A., eldest daughter of Jas. H. and Emily Devaughn, in the 23d year of her age.

[Baltimore and Richmond papers please copy.] On the 26th instant, ROSA LENA, infant daughter of Joseph and Georgeanna Stansbury, aged 11 months and 3 days.

In Baltimore, on the 26th instant, BASIL B. HOPKINS, in the 65th year of his age.

In Washington, on Tuesday morning, 26th instant, ELIZA J. MORELAND, aged sixty-two years.

At Charlottesville, Va., recently LIZZY, daughter of Wm. H. and Ann Irwin of this place.

INFORMATION WANTED OF J. H. MYERS, who left Battery Rodgers on Monday morning for Washington, and is reported to have been seen in this place on Tuesday night. Any information of him or his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his wife, who will liberally reward the informant. Information can be left at the corner of Prince and Royal streets. jy 28-1t

There will be a regular meeting of the Friendship Fire Company, on Monday evening the 1st inst., at half-past seven o'clock. The punctual attendance of members is requested, as business of importance will be transacted. By order of the President, W. J. DROWNS, Secretary.